

# DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 4 PROGRAMME FOR ENGAGEMENT

Our fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) is a long-term plan for Scotland to 2045 that sets out where development and infrastructure is needed.

In November 2021, we laid a Draft NPF4 in the Scottish Parliament for Parliamentary scrutiny. Alongside Parliamentary consideration of the draft, we have launched a public consultation and welcome comments from all to help inform the final NPF4.

The Draft NPF4 is not the start of the process. It builds on two previous rounds of engagement - the Call for Ideas and the Position Statement. Further details about these earlier stages, along with further background information and resources is available at [www.transformingplanning.scot](http://www.transformingplanning.scot)

## Consultation and engagement processes

The Scottish Parliament will be considering Draft NPF4 for a period of up to 120 days. It is for the Parliament to determine the process for that scrutiny period and it is likely that certain stakeholders will be asked to contribute to those processes.

Alongside Parliamentary scrutiny, we will be running a public consultation to the same period of time to gather views and evidence. Following this period, we will consider the responses to the public consultation and the Parliamentary responses before presenting a final draft to Parliament.

This Programme of Engagement provides further details to supplement our [Participation Statement](#).

## How to get involved

This list contains details of engagement opportunities and events that we have planned to encourage participation in the consultation:

- **Resource pack** – to help people engage with the consultation and encourage responses, we have provided a range of supporting materials:

### Introductory material:

- An introductory video of NPF4 from the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
- An overview of Draft NPF4 by the Scottish Government Chief Planner
- A factsheet on the Draft NPF4 setting out its important role in the planning system and further details of how to get involved in the consultation.

### Supporting information

- National developments assessment summary report
- An Integrated Impact Assessment
- Housing Land Figures: Explanatory Report
- Regional Spatial Strategies
- Policy background notes setting out the key changes for each of the themed policies
- Digital narratives for each of the 5 Action Areas
- A digital mapping resource to access multiple data layers relevant to different topics and themes.

### Extracts from the Draft NPF4

We appreciate that the Draft NPF4 is a large document and you may wish to discuss or share sections or graphics. The following resources are all extracts from the document, to allow you to use in your own discussions:

- A word document setting out all consultation questions
  - The national spatial strategy map
  - The national development map
  - The strategy for the North and west coastal innovation action area
  - The strategy for the Northern revitalisation action area
  - The strategy for the North east transition action area
  - The strategy for the Central urban transformation action area
  - The strategy for the Southern sustainability action area
  - A summary of the key policy changes.
- **Community Grant Scheme** – we are supporting communities to engage locally through a small grants scheme to assist them in responding to the consultation. Communities can apply for a grant of up to £250.

- **NPF4 open invitation online events** – we will set up a series of facilitated online events during January and February to give stakeholders opportunities to hear more about the content of NPF4. The events will be informal and focus on giving clear information to support consultation responses:
  - 5 locational events, each focused on one of the spatial action areas as described in the draft NPF4
    - North and west coastal innovation – based on the Islands and Northern/Western coasts
    - Northern revitalisation – based on the Highlands and parts of Argyll and Bute
    - North east transition – based on the north east area
    - Central urban transformation – based on the Central Belt and Ayrshire
    - Southern sustainability – based on the Borderlands area.
  - 4 thematic events, focused on the key themes of draft NPF4
    - Sustainable Places
    - Liveable Places
    - Productive Places
    - Distinctive Places.
  
- **Roundtable discussions** - we will host a series of targeted events for the business, energy, environment, housebuilding and equalities sectors.
  
- We will support the **Royal Town Planning Institute** (Scotland) to host chapter events for its members.
  
- **National developments** – we will ask authorities to help share messages locally about proposed national developments. We will also alert relevant community councils.
  
- **Existing networks** – we will promote the consultation through existing networks and groups as far as possible. Where time and resources allow we will try to attend online events on request, but where this isn't possible, we will provide materials for groups to hold their own discussions.
  
- **Twitter** – we will use our @ScotGovPlanning feed to update our stakeholders using #NPF4.
  
- **Email** – our email enquiry mailbox [scotplan@gov.scot](mailto:scotplan@gov.scot) can be used for all stakeholder enquiries.

## Who we wish to consult

We are committed to engage as widely as possible on the draft NPF4. We will therefore consult the public at large as well as planning authorities, key agencies and a broad range of bodies by raising awareness and sending direct links to supporting materials to encourage participation in the consultation. The following list of organisations with whom we will engage directly is based on our initial Programme of Engagement and has also been informed by those who responded to the Position Statement.

<b>Amenity, Community and Environmental Organisations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2050 Climate Group</li><li>• Adaptation Scotland</li><li>• Alcohol Focus Scotland</li><li>• ASH Scotland</li><li>• The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland</li><li>• Built Environment Forum Scotland</li><li>• Climate Ready Clyde</li><li>• Coalfields Regeneration Trust</li><li>• Cockburn Association</li><li>• Common Weal</li><li>• Community Councils</li><li>• Community Energy Scotland</li><li>• Community Land Scotland</li><li>• Corra Foundation</li><li>• Cycling Scotland</li><li>• Cycling UK in Scotland</li><li>• Development Trust Association Scotland</li><li>• Dundee Civic Trust</li><li>• FoE Scotland</li><li>• Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere</li><li>• Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network</li><li>• Greenspace Scotland</li><li>• Housing Options Scotland</li><li>• John Muir Trust</li><li>• Keep Scotland Beautiful</li><li>• Living Streets Scotland</li><li>• MacMillan</li><li>• Mental Health Foundation</li><li>• Mountaineering Scotland</li><li>• Nesta</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nourish Scotland</li><li>• Obesity Action Scotland</li><li>• PAS</li><li>• Paths for All</li><li>• Planning Democracy</li><li>• Ramblers Association</li><li>• Reforesting Scotland</li><li>• RSPB Scotland</li><li>• Scotland Against Spin</li><li>• Scotland's Towns Partnership</li><li>• Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society</li><li>• Scottish Civic Trust</li><li>• Scottish Communities Alliance</li><li>• Scottish Community Development Centre</li><li>• Scottish Environment Link</li><li>• Scottish Mediation</li><li>• Scottish Obesity Alliance</li><li>• Scottish Rural Action</li><li>• Scottish Wildlife Trust</li><li>• Social Farms and Gardens</li><li>• Soil Association</li><li>• SPOKES</li><li>• SRUC</li><li>• Stop Climate Change Scotland</li><li>• STUC</li><li>• SURF</li><li>• SUSTRANS</li><li>• Transform Scotland</li><li>• UNISON</li><li>• WWF</li><li>• Zero Waste Scotland</li></ul>

## Business (and representative bodies)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeen Airport</li> <li>• Aberdeen Harbour Board</li> <li>• Airport Operators Association</li> <li>• Argiva</li> <li>• Assoc. for Decentralised Energy</li> <li>• Assoc. Town Centre Managers</li> <li>• Assoc. Scottish Shellfish Growers</li> <li>• British Aggregates Association</li> <li>• CBI</li> <li>• Centrica</li> <li>• Committee of Scottish Bankers</li> <li>• Communities Housing Trust</li> <li>• Confor</li> <li>• Cornerstone</li> <li>• Crown Estates Scotland</li> <li>• District Heating Scotland</li> <li>• Dundee Waterfront</li> <li>• EDF Energy</li> <li>• Edinburgh Airport</li> <li>• Energy Catapult</li> <li>• Faculty of Advocates</li> <li>• Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities</li> <li>• Federation of Small Businesses</li> <li>• Forth Ports</li> <li>• Glasgow Airport</li> <li>• Highlands and Islands Airports Limited</li> <li>• Homes for Scotland</li> <li>• Ineos</li> <li>• Inogy Renewables Scotland</li> <li>• Institute of Directors</li> <li>• National Association of Funeral Directors</li> <li>• National Custom and Self Build Association</li> <li>• National Grid</li> <li>• Natural Power</li> <li>• Network Rail</li> <li>• NFU (Scotland)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prestwick Airport</li> <li>• Rail Freight Group (Scotland)</li> <li>• Scottish Chambers of Commerce</li> <li>• Oil and Gas UK</li> <li>• OVO Energy</li> <li>• SCDI</li> <li>• SAC Consulting</li> <li>• Scotch Whisky Association</li> <li>• Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks</li> <li>• Scottish and Southern Electricity Renewables</li> <li>• Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs</li> <li>• Scottish Crofting Federation</li> <li>• Scottish Environmental Services Association</li> <li>• Scottish Federation of Housing Associations</li> <li>• Scottish Food Trade Association</li> <li>• Scottish Futures Trust</li> <li>• Scottish Land and Estates</li> <li>• Scottish Planning Consultants Forum</li> <li>• Scottish Power Transmission</li> <li>• Scottish Power Renewables</li> <li>• Scottish Property Federation</li> <li>• Scottish Renewables</li> <li>• Scottish Retail Consortium</li> <li>• Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation</li> <li>• Scottish Showmen's Guild</li> <li>• Scottish Tenant Farmers Association</li> <li>• Scottish Tourism Alliance</li> <li>• Scottish Woodlands Ltd</li> <li>• SGN</li> <li>• Solar Trade Association</li> <li>• Star Renewable Energy</li> <li>• Tilhill</li> <li>• UK Hospitality</li> <li>• Mobile UK</li> <li>• Women in Property</li> </ul> |
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## Planning authorities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 34 planning authorities – local planning authorities and national park authorities</li> <li>• Heads of Planning Scotland</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Development Plan Authorities</li> </ul> |
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## Key Agencies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Agency Group</li> <li>• Architecture and Design Scotland</li> <li>• Crofters Commission</li> <li>• Forestry and Land Scotland</li> <li>• Health Boards</li> <li>• Highlands and Islands Enterprise</li> <li>• Historic Environment Scotland</li> <li>• Marine Scotland</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transport Partnerships</li> <li>• Scottish Enterprise</li> <li>• Scottish Environment Protection Agency</li> <li>• Scottish Forestry</li> <li>• NatureScot</li> <li>• Scottish Water</li> <li>• South of Scotland Enterprise</li> <li>• Transport Scotland</li> </ul> |
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## Other Public Bodies (and Officers Groups)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeen City Region Deal</li> <li>• Affordable Housing Enabler</li> <li>• Argyll and Bute Growth Deal</li> <li>• Assoc. Local Authority Chief Housing Officers</li> <li>• Assoc., Local Government Archaeological Officers Scotland</li> <li>• Ayrshire Growth Deal</li> <li>• Big Lottery</li> <li>• Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal</li> <li>• British Geological Survey</li> <li>• Central Scotland Green Network</li> <li>• Chartered Institute for Archaeologists</li> <li>• Children and Young People's Commissioner</li> <li>• Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>• The Coal Authority</li> <li>• Community Council Liaison Officers</li> <li>• Community Planning Partnership Managers Network</li> <li>• COSLA</li> <li>• Creative Scotland</li> <li>• Culture Counts</li> <li>• Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal</li> <li>• Education Scotland</li> <li>• Equality and Human Rights Commission</li> <li>• Faculty of Public Health</li> <li>• Falkirk Growth Deal</li> <li>• Food Standards Scotland</li> <li>• Glasgow City Region Deal</li> <li>• Health and Safety Executive</li> <li>• Health and Social Care Alliance</li> <li>• Improvement Service</li> <li>• Inverness and Highland City Region Deal</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MACS</li> <li>• Moray Growth Deal</li> <li>• Museum Galleries Scotland</li> <li>• National Trust for Scotland</li> <li>• NHS Health Scotland</li> <li>• Place Standard Alliance</li> <li>• Public Health Scotland</li> <li>• Scottish Agricultural Arbiters' &amp; Valuers' Association</li> <li>• Scottish Canals</li> <li>• Scotland's Centre for Regional Economic Growth</li> <li>• Scottish Human Rights Commission</li> <li>• Scottish Land Commission</li> <li>• Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group</li> <li>• Scottish Members' Services Development Network</li> <li>• Scottish National Investment Bank</li> <li>• Scottish Public Health Network</li> <li>• Scottish Public Health Observatory</li> <li>• SeaFish Scotland</li> <li>• Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland</li> <li>• SOLACE</li> <li>• South of Scotland Regional Economic Partnership</li> <li>• SportScotland</li> <li>• Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal</li> <li>• Sustainable Scotland Network</li> <li>• Tay Cities Region Deal</li> <li>• Theatres Trust</li> <li>• UK Committee on Climate Change</li> <li>• Veteran's Commissioner</li> </ul> |
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Islands Growth Deal</li> <li>• Local authority TSIs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VisitScotland</li> </ul>
<h3 style="color: #4F81BD;">Academic, Professional and other Bodies</h3>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Medical Sciences</li> <li>• British Medical Association</li> <li>• Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management</li> <li>• Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation</li> <li>• Chartered Institute of Housing</li> <li>• Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation</li> <li>• Expert Advisory Group on Migration and Population</li> <li>• Institute of Civil Engineers</li> <li>• James Hutton Institute</li> <li>• Landscape Institute</li> <li>• Law Society of Scotland</li> <li>• National Council of Rural Advisors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observatory for Sport in Scotland</li> <li>• RIAS</li> <li>• RICS</li> <li>• Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland</li> <li>• Royal Town Planning Institute</li> <li>• Scottish Association of Social Work</li> <li>• Scotland's Rural College</li> <li>• UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence</li> <li>• University of Edinburgh</li> <li>• University of the Highlands and Islands</li> <li>• University of Stirling</li> <li>• Other universities</li> <li>• Planning schools</li> </ul>
<h3 style="color: #4F81BD;">Equalities Organisations</h3>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action on Elder Abuse</li> <li>• Age Scotland</li> <li>• Alzheimer's Scotland</li> <li>• Article 12</li> <li>• BEMIS</li> <li>• British Deaf Association Scotland</li> <li>• Cancer Research UK</li> <li>• Carers' Scotland</li> <li>• Carers Trust Scotland</li> <li>• Carnegie Trust</li> <li>• Child Poverty Action Group</li> <li>• Children's Parliament</li> <li>• Children in Scotland</li> <li>• Coalition of Carers in Scotland</li> <li>• CRISIS</li> <li>• Crossroads Caring Scotland</li> <li>• Dementia-Friendly Aberfeldy Collaborative</li> <li>• Diabetes UK</li> <li>• Disability Equality Scotland</li> <li>• Engender</li> <li>• Fair Scotland</li> <li>• Faith in Older People</li> <li>• for Scotland's Disabled Children</li> <li>• Generations Working Together</li> <li>• Girl Guiding Scotland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MECOPP</li> <li>• Outside the Box</li> <li>• Oxfam</li> <li>• PAMIS</li> <li>• People First Scotland</li> <li>• Play Scotland</li> <li>• Poverty Alliance</li> <li>• Roar Connections for Life</li> <li>• Save the Children</li> <li>• Scottish Autism</li> <li>• Scottish Council of Jewish Communities</li> <li>• Scottish Older People's Assembly</li> <li>• Scottish Pensioners Forum</li> <li>• Scottish Independent Living Coalition</li> <li>• Scottish Refugee Council</li> <li>• Scottish Women in Business</li> <li>• Scottish Women's Convention</li> <li>• Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance</li> <li>• Scottish Youth Parliament</li> <li>• Scouts Scotland</li> <li>• Self Directed Support Scotland</li> <li>• Shared Care Scotland</li> <li>• Shelter (Scotland)</li> <li>• Soroptimist International</li> <li>• Stonewall</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glasgow Disability Alliance</li><li>• Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living</li><li>• Glasgow Centre for Population Health</li><li>• Gypsy/Traveller Women's Voices</li><li>• Inclusion Scotland</li><li>• Independent Living in Scotland</li><li>• Joseph Rowntree Foundation</li><li>• LGBT Health and Wellbeing</li><li>• LGBT Youth Scotland</li><li>• Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)</li><li>• Trust Housing Association</li><li>• Veterans Scotland</li><li>• VOX Scotland</li><li>• Young Women's Movement</li><li>• YoungScot</li><li>• YouthLink Scotland</li><li>• YouthScotland</li><li>• Zero Tolerance</li></ul>
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